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EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inaugural Meeting.—Preliminary Notice.—The Inaugural Meeting of the 1930-1931 Session will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th October, at the London School of Economics. Final arrangements have not yet been made for this meeting, and the name of the speaker will therefore be announced in the October issue of the *Assistant*.

The Next Meeting of the Council will be held at the National Library for the Blind, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, 17th September. As the Hon. Secretary will be abroad until 12th September, and important matters for the agenda may arise in his absence, the agenda will not reach councillors before Saturday, 13th September.

The L.A. Council Election.—The result of the first L.A. Council Election held since amalgamation is both significant and satisfactory. It provides a final answer to those who feared that amalgamation would silence the voice of assistants in the affairs of our profession, for it is safe to assume that the large majority by which Mr. Gurner P. Jones headed the poll for London councillors was due mainly to the support of the A.A.L. It should be a source of great satisfaction to assistants to know that their votes are a vital factor in future elections, and to feel that their interests have so able an advocate.

The Salary Question has cropped up again, this time in a particularly disgraceful form at Lowestoft, where the Library Committee has apparently tried to touch bottom and has certainly succeeded. An advertisement recently appeared in the local press giving notice of a vacancy for a female assistant at the absurd salary of £26 per annum. We say absurd advisedly for, though there still lingers a belief that a weekly wage of 10s. is adequate for a junior fresh from school, the Lowestoft Committee apparently did not contemplate appointing a schoolgirl. Their advertisement asked candidates to state their experience, a request which surely infers an intention to appoint an assistant already working in a library. Whether or not our inference is correct, the salary is disgraceful. Apart from the fact that we have some pretensions to a professional standing, the average junior performs duties which are often by no means light and, by reason of his or her intimate contact with the public, is in a great measure responsible for the local reputation of a library. To offer for such an appointment a salary which compares very unfavourably with that of an assistant in Woolworth's is harmful to the authority making the appointment and insulting to the profession at large.

A letter of protest has been sent to the Lowestoft Committee on behalf of the A.A.L., and, although we understand that an appointment has already been made, it is to be hoped that it will awaken among those responsible some feeling that their conduct in the matter does them very little credit.

Testimonial to Mr. Gurner P. Jones.—The response to the notice of the opening of this fund is very gratifying. The closing date for the receipt of subscriptions is 20th September. Subscriptions to be sent to the Hon. Treasurer.

Subscriptions.—At the June Council Meeting it was decided that the financial year of the Association shall be concurrent with that of the parent body—the Library Association—and shall date from 1st January to 31st December, such arrangement operating from 1st June, 1932. Consequently it becomes necessary to adjust annual subscriptions to meet this end. The Council decided that the subscriptions applied for on 1st October next shall be as follows:—

Fellows, 13/-;
Members, 9/-;
Associates, 5/-.

and that no further subscriptions shall be payable until 1st January, 1932. The Hon. Treasurer will be glad if all members

will take particular note of this announcement. Members who are also full (not transitional) members of the L.A. will pay their usual subscription to that body and make no direct payment to the A.A.L.

New Committees.—*Finance and General Purposes.*—Mr. F. E. Sandry (Chairman), Miss Baker, Miss Stubbs, Messrs. Cooper, Hayward, Hunt, Webb, and A. T. Austing (Hon. Secretary).

Press and Publications.—Mr. F. Seymour Smith (Chairman), Miss Gerard, Miss Ovell, Miss Wragg, Messrs. Blackman, Hurford, Mourant, Woods, and T. E. Callander (Hon. Secretary).

Education and Library.—Mr. S. W. Martin (Chairman), Miss Appleby, Miss Toms, Messrs. Howarth, Patrick, Revie, and Vale, Miss E. M. Exley (Hon. Secretary).

Classes for Assistants.—Mr. F. E. Sandry (Chairman), The Officers, Miss E. M. Exley, Miss P. Appleby (Hon. Secretary).

Benevolent Fund.—The President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Cooper and Webb.

Correction.—The Garden Party arranged in connection with the L.A. Conference will be held in the gardens of Christ's College, and not in those of King's, as announced in the July number.

Important Notice.—A meeting will be held at the Cardiff Central Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th October, to consider the best means of promoting closer co-operation and intercourse between library workers in South Wales, Monmouthshire and Somerset. All who are interested, whether members of the Association or not, are urged to attend this meeting and to contribute their views on professional organisation in the area. The speakers will include Mr. L. Chubb, F.L.A., President of the Association, Mr. Guy Keeling, Secretary of the Library Association, and the undersigned,

R. D. Hilton Smith, Hon. Secretary.

Appointment.—The following appointment deserves more prominence than can be given to it under "New Appointments."

Fife County Librarian.—Miss Grace Bonthron, M.A., to be County Librarian, Fife. Salary £350.

Also selected: Miss L. R. Andrews, B.A., County Librarian, Dumfriesshire; Mr. H. W. Elliott, County Librarian.

ian, Dorsetshire; Mr. J. W. Forsyth, Public Library, Dunfermline; Mr. G. E. Glazier, County Librarian, Bedfordshire; Mr. A. S. Roy, County Librarian, Antrim; Miss E. F. Wragg, Assistant County Librarian, West Riding of Yorkshire.

"Prior to going to Edinburgh University, where she graduated M.A., Miss Bonthronne was educated at Falkland Public School, and at St. Bride's School, Edinburgh.

From 1925-27 she acted as student librarian in Masson Hall, Edinburgh. In 1928 she went to Clifton School, Bootham, York, as form mistress, and in the following year to Bishop Auckland High School as senior form mistress.

The new librarian is the daughter of Mr. David Bonthronne, Newton of Falkland, Convener of the Finance and Law Committee of the County Council."—*Dundee Courier*, 19th July, 1930.

Comment is superfluous. The list of selected candidates and the quotation from the *Dundee Courier* speak for themselves. It is interesting to learn that Masson Hall is a hostel for women students.

The Library Association Examinations, December, 1930.—

The dates fixed for the Examinations are as follows:—

Monday, 8th December, 1930—Section 3, Classification.

Tuesday, 9th December, 1930—Section 4, Cataloguing.

Wednesday, 10th December, 1930—Section 5, Library Organisation.

Thursday, 11th December, 1930—Section 6, Library Routine.

*Thursday, 11th December, 1930—Language Examination.

Friday, 12th December, 1930—Section 1, English Literary History.

Saturday, 13th December, 1930—Section 2, General Bibliography, and either Book Selection or Palæography and the Archive Sciences.

All entries for the Examinations must be made upon the official form, and sent to the office of the Library Association, 26-27, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, not later than 31st October, 1930, after which date no applications will be entertained.

*In future the fee for the Language Examination will be the same as that for each Sectional Examination, namely 10/- each subject; 5/- for re-examination.

NOTES.

Regarding Section 1, English Literary History: The Special Period in English Literary History, will be: "Dr. Johnson and his circle."

Regarding Section 2, this will, in future, consist of two parts: General Bibliography and either Book Selection, or Palæography and the Archive Sciences.

Students must satisfy the Examiners in Section 2 as a whole.

ENCYCLOPÆDIAS, ANCIENT AND MODERN

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The appearance of the new (14th) edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* makes this a suitable occasion on which to take a glance at the history and scope of some of the chief works of this class.

The original meaning of the word "encyclopædia" among the Greeks seems to have been "instruction in the whole circle or complete system of learning." This is the first meaning given in the Oxford Dictionary. The word was probably first used in English by Sir Thomas Elyot in his book "The Governour" (1531), but he uses it in the Greek sense defined above. An encyclopædia, in the modern sense of the word, may be defined simply as "a book treating of all the various kinds of knowledge." The word in this sense appears first as the title of certain works published in the 17th century, especially the *Encyclopædia septem tomis distincta* of Johann Heinrich Alsted (1630).

A distinction is usually drawn between the major or universal and the minor or special encyclopædia; the first being defined in the O.E.D. as "a literary work containing extensive information on all branches of knowledge, usually arranged in alphabetical order," and the second as "an elaborate and exhaustive repertory of information on all branches of some particular art or department of knowledge; especially one arranged in alphabetical order." As examples of the first class we may cite the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, the *Grande Encyclopédie*, and Meyer's *Lexikon*; and of the second Hastings's *Encyclopædia of Religion and Ethics*, Monroe's *Encyclopædia of Education*, and Palgrave's *Dictionary of Political Economy*. Many reference works published under the title of "dictionary" are essentially encyclopædias, being subject-books and not word-books.

We may be pardoned for mentioning here that the first quotation given in the O.E.D. to illustrate the word "encyclopædiac" is: "His encyclopædiac knowledge renders it probable he will make an excellent librarian."

While we may not all agree with the publishers of encyclopædias that "no home is complete without one," the indispensability of these works to the reference library is beyond dispute. Encyclopædias, containing as they do a library within themselves, are among the most generally useful tools at the disposal of the librarian, and it behoves every assistant to be well versed in the knowledge and use of them.

The Use of Encyclopædias.

The use of encyclopædias has been deprecated by some as providing a too-short cut to knowledge, and the seeker within their massive tomes has been compared to one who attempts to use a dictionary of a foreign language before mastering the grammar. There is a good deal of truth in this, and the implication might be levelled with equal justice against the readers of many other works. Librarians, of all people, should know that "no more can be got out of a book than is put into it," and it is for them to bear this dictum in mind when dealing with seekers after knowledge. The two-column article on Shakespeare in an encyclopædia is not necessarily the most suitable introduction to the study of the poet for every reader; but neither will anyone require the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in order to find the dates of Nero. There is no doubt that encyclopædias have a fatal fascination for many readers, and that the enormous wealth of matter contained within them often has the effect of distracting the attention from the subject in hand. Many a student who turns up the article Molecule is drawn on to the perusal of its neighbour Mollusca, and passes from thence to Monasticism, Mongols, Moon and Mormons. But this is hardly a defect, and it is possible that an interest awakened in this manner might even bring about the redemption of a "cross-word" fiend.

On the whole it is probable that encyclopædias are not used in the reference library so frequently as they might be, and that many a long search through vast treatises and files of periodicals would be saved by reference in the first place to the *Britannica* or *Chambers*. The bibliographies appended to the articles in most modern encyclopædias, though not of equal value and authority, are too often neglected in reference work.

Scope of Encyclopædias.

Encyclopædias differ greatly in their scope and in the treatment accorded to particular topics, as also in their methods of arrangement. The *Encyclopædia Britannica* with its long general articles in monograph style would be of little use without its huge index, and is in great contrast to the *New International*, with its 80,000 odd articles on individual topics.

As regards the actual subject matter of encyclopædias, national, religious, and editorial interests and prejudices have to be taken into account. Thus the French biographies in *Larousse* or the *Grande Encyclopédie* will almost certainly be more detailed and authoritative than those in an encyclopædia produced under English or German auspices. The treatment accorded to such subjects as ecclesiastical and political history will differ widely in the various works. The minor or special encyclopædias are naturally more authoritative within their own spheres than the larger general works; a much fuller account of, say, the Talmud will be found in the *Jewish Encyclopædia* than in the *Britannica*. It must be remembered that the old editions of many encyclopædias have a permanent value for reference purposes. An early edition of the *Britannica* or an old *Brockhaus* will often contain long articles on topics that are unmentioned in contemporary works.

From these general considerations we may pass to a rapid survey of some of the chief general encyclopædias.

(To be continued).

THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MAY EXAMINATIONS 1930.

SECTION 1.—ENGLISH LITERARY HISTORY.

131 Candidates sat.

Honours 1, Merits 8, Passes 66.

Honours.

Dent, J., Bournemouth.

Merits.

Hammett, Miss I., Bournemouth.
Hiles, C. R., Stockport.
Lythgoe, Miss F. M., Liverpool.
Martin, Miss C. B., Bradford.

Munford, W. A., Hornsey.
Nichols, Miss K. M., Westminster.
Owen, Miss M. W., Aberystwyth.
Webster, Miss E. M., Dundee.

Passes.

- Ames, J. E., East Ham.
 Ayers, Miss A., Marsworth, Herts.
 Beardsmore, Miss M. L., Birmingham.
 Betts, Miss F. A., Birmingham.
 Bletcher, E., Sheffield.
 Boden, Miss E., Derbyshire County Library.
 Bramley, Miss J. M., Halifax.
 Brecknell, Miss E., Hereford.
 Brown, Miss E. M., Hackney.
 Browne, Miss M. M., Chesterfield.
 Butler, Miss C. M., Oxford.
 Carberry, E., Dublin.
 Cooker, Miss S. C., Brentford.
 Corbett, Miss P. T., St. Marylebone.
 Cowens, Miss E. M., Sunderland.
 Davis, Miss G., Cardiff.
 Davis, G., Aberystwyth.
 Eddy, Miss M., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Fabian, B. N., Shropshire County Library.
 Gayford, Miss K. M., Norwich.
 Gee, Miss J., Wigan.
 Harris, Miss F. M., Kettering.
 Horwood, Miss D. J., Birmingham.
 Howe, Miss A., Nottingham.
 Howkins, Miss M. C., Oxfordshire County Library.
 Jagger, Miss P. M., Sheffield.
 James, Miss M., Cardiff.
 Johnson, Miss E. H., Glasgow.
 Jones, Miss C. A., Liverpool.
 Jones, Miss I. H., Newport.
 Kennedy, Miss A. M., Sunderland.
 Leighton, Miss A., Barkingside.
 Llewellyn, Miss G. M., Cardiff.
 Lockett, Miss G. S., Altrincham.
 Long, Miss L. M., Birmingham.
 Luke, Miss A. B., Kirkcaldy.
 Lumsden, Miss I., Edinburgh.
 McQueer, Miss M. W., Glasgow.
 Makepeace, Miss B. M., Ipswich.
 Mason, F., Wolverhampton.
 Miller, D. Y., Wallasey.
 Morris, Miss F. M., Willesden.
 Morris, Miss R. E., Norwich.
 Morrish, W. J., Cardiff.
 Moss, Miss C. W., Birmingham.
 Parry, Miss D. E., Cheltenham.
 Pattenden, Miss M. E., Hastings.
 Pitts, Miss M. E., Harlesden.
 Powell, Miss G. M., Croydon.
 Pummell, M. T., Bermondsey.
 Rosser, Miss D. N., Birkenhead.
 Rust, A. H., Ilkley.
 Sandland, Miss J., Birmingham.
 Sayers, Miss P., Sheffield.
 Scattergood, Miss F., Manchester.
 Sharp, J. C., Birmingham.
 Shaw, Miss B., Manchester.
 Shepherd, Miss E. G., Liverpool.
 Smith, Miss R., Bradford.
 Taylor, S. W., Taunton.
 Telfer, Miss H. B., Worcester County Library.
 Thompson, Miss M. M., Birmingham.
 Tompkins, H. C., Hornsey.
 Walker, J., Birmingham.
 Watkins, A. H., Teddington.
 Willard, C. P., East Sussex County Library.

SECTION II.—

GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND BOOK SELECTION.

83 Candidates sat.

Honours none, Merits none, Passes 36.

Passes.

- Arch, Miss W., Birmingham.
 Ashworth, T., Bolton.
 Austin, J. H., Bournemouth.
 Bennett, B., Bournemouth.
 Borland, E. A., Johannesburg.
 Brindle, J., Lancashire County Library.
 Chorlton, Miss J. M., Manchester.
 Cockburn, J. W., Edinburgh.
 Dovey, Miss B. M., Birmingham.
 Etchells, Miss D., Derbyshire County Library.
 Fabian, B. N., Shropshire County Library.
 Garabedian, Miss S., Cape Town.
 Gardner, F. M., Sheffield.
 Gravell, F. W., Patent Office Library.

Harding, Miss D., Tunbridge Wells.	Pottinger, M. C., Glasgow.
Hawes, S. A., Norwich.	Quipp, Miss D., Lincoln.
Holman, Miss L. R., Middlesbrough.	Sherwood, J., Nottingham.
Horsfall, L. W., Manchester.	Shipton, Miss S. A., Richmond.
Howarth, H. H., Bolton.	Stokes, Miss E., Worthing.
Jackson, G. P., Leeds.	Stone, Miss R. T., Hampstead.
Johnson, Miss D. M., Birmingham.	Thompson, A., York.
Madeley, Miss D. E., Birmingham.	Vickery, F. J., Croydon.
Maskell, W. E., Maidstone.	Wells, Miss N. E., Bath.
Mason, Miss E. L., Cheltenham.	White, Miss D. M., Ipswich.
Musgrave, C. W., Yeovil.	Wright, Miss C. L., Leicester.

GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PALÆOGRAPHY AND THE ARCHIVE SCIENCES.

4 Candidates sat.

Honours none, Merits none, Passes 4.

Passes.

Evans, Miss N. M., Portsmouth.	Richardson, Miss E. A., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Hampton, S. A. J., Bermondsey.	Steffen, Miss C. L., Leyton.

SECTION III.—CLASSIFICATION.

191 Candidates sat.

Honours none, Merits none, Passes 108.

Passes.

Alston, L., Bolton.	Eyre, A. R., West Bromwich School.
Ardern, L. L., Manchester.	Fairchild, W. G., Barking.
Atherton, Miss M., Wolverhampton.	Fraser, Miss K. J., East Lothian County Library.
Baker, Miss L. J., Liverpool.	Fry, J., Bath.
Barnes, F., Wigan.	Galt, W., Birkenhead.
Barr, Miss A. G., Glasgow.	Gandy, Miss M., Imperial Chemical Industries.
Barragry, T. P., Dublin.	Gemmell, Miss M. L., Glasgow.
Barratt, Miss P. M., Derbyshire County Library.	Gorman, E., Bradford.
Batty, E. A., Greenwich.	Gray, H. G., Stepney.
Bone, Miss B. C., London University.	Halbert, Miss J. F., Glasgow.
Borer, H. W., East Ham.	Hammond, J., Manchester.
Bowdler, R. W., Kidderminster.	Harman, J. L., London School of Economics.
Bowley, Miss V. E., Hounslow.	Hayward, Miss J., Coventry.
Brown, J. G., Bradford.	Hemsley, Miss E. C., Louth.
Camplin, Miss E., Bethnal Green.	Hibbert, J. A., Hyde.
Cook, W. B., Limehouse.	Hickman, F., Bermondsey.
Coombe, E. J., Devonshire County Library.	Higenbottom, F., Leigh.
Cornish, Miss D. M., Street.	Hill, Miss D. B., Birmingham.
Darby, B. C., Swindon.	Hobbs, E. J., Dewsbury.
Dunn, Miss P. I., Birmingham.	Holmwood, Miss D. M., Kent County Library.
Egarr, J., Bradford.	Horrocks, S. H., Bolton.
Eldridge, Miss D. L., Chelsea.	
Elliott, Miss G. F., Cape Town.	

- Housby, J. J., Penrith.
 Howe, Miss K., Glasgow.
 Hunter, Miss M., Glasgow.
 Hutt, Miss M., Kent County Library.
 Johnson, Miss A., Darlington.
 Johnson, Miss D. M., Birmingham.
 Johnson, Miss G., Dulwich.
 Kendrick, Miss H. C., Manchester.
 Kennedy, Miss I. E., Ilford.
 Lace, K. J., Manchester.
 Lee, Miss B. I., Bolton.
 Macbeth, Miss H. T., Glasgow.
 McDonald, F., Cardiff.
 McEwan, Miss C. R., Glasgow.
 Mackay, W., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Marcus, L. A., St. Pancras.
 Massey, Miss D. G., Camberwell.
 Mathey, Miss E. M., Birmingham.
 Mensforth, Miss M. E., Ilkley.
 Mercer, Miss L., Birmingham.
 Michel, C. W., Leeds.
 Morrissey, C. E., Dublin.
 Myson, W., Wimbeldon.
 Ogden, Miss M., Manchester.
 Owen, Miss M. W., Aberystwyth.
 Panchen, Miss E. V., Aberystwyth.
 Parfitt, L. W., Bath.
 Parker, S. A., Stoke Newington.
 Part, C. A., Bermondsey.
 Payne, Miss W. R. N., Birmingham.
 Pearson, Miss A., Birmingham.
 Pearson, Miss E. L., Scotswood-on-Tyne.
 Pearson, F. L., Leeds.
 Phillips, Miss M., Carlisle.
 Pratt, Miss A. M., Glasgow.
 Price, Miss N. M., Birmingham.
 Quipp, Miss D., Lincoln.
 Reynders, Miss C. M., Johannesburg.
 Rogers, Miss M. J., Birmingham.
 Roscoe, Miss C. E., Coventry.
 Rule, A. J., Battersea.
 Smith, B. O., Middlesex County Library.
 Smith, R. E., Reading.
 Somers, B., Exeter.
 Stanford, Miss M., Leicester County Library.
 Stevenson, H. G., Tottenham.
 Stewart, W., Glasgow.
 Thomas, A. P., Fife County Library.
 Thomas, Miss W. A., Leytonstone.
 Tree, Miss V. E., St. Marylebone.
 Trower, G. E., East Sussex County Library.
 Turner, A. E., Greenwich.
 Turner, G. O., Bournemouth.
 Warton, J. J., Kensington.
 Warwick, Miss W. E., Birmingham.
 Waterhouse, Miss E. A., Bradford.
 Watson, Miss J. M., Glasgow.
 Watt, T., Glasgow.
 Weaver, Miss R. M., Liverpool.
 Whiteley, H. E., Grimsby.
 Whittaker, L., Manchester.
 Wilkinson, E., Bradford.
 Wood, A. G., Bolton.
 Yates, Miss P. R., Oxford.

SECTION IV.—CATALOGUING.

187 Candidates sat.

Honours none, Merits none, Passes 91.

Passes.

- Abbatt, L. C., London.
 Armstrong Miss K. A., Colchester.
 Athey, Miss E. M., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Bayley, A. E., Manchester.
 Berry, G., Accrington.
 Black, C. W., Manchester.
 Bone, Miss B. C., London University.
 Boyd, Miss W. V., Ilford.
 Bradley, R. T., Leicester.
 Brooke-Brown, Miss E. M., Leicester.
 Carter, G. A., Warrington.
 Causey, Miss S., Wigan.
 Christie, Miss H. M., Glasgow.
 Clark, E. J., Cheshire County Library.
 Clulow, T. J., Leicester.
 Coote, Miss C. M., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Corbett, E. V., Birmingham.
 Crawford, Miss M., Bath.
 Crook, B., Leyton.
 Dunbar, Miss A. N., Edinburgh.
 Edwards, C., Sheffield.

- Falconer, Miss C. C., Glasgow.
 Foale, Miss M., Glasgow.
 Gandy, Miss M., Imperial Chemical Industries.
 Gleave, Miss I. M., Liverpool.
 Graham, Miss J. M., Glasgow.
 Gray, Miss M. E., Birkenhead.
 Gregory, Miss P. W., Glasgow.
 Hallett, Miss A. E., Bath.
 Hardman, A. R., Liverpool.
 Hargreaves, E., Leeds.
 Harper, Miss L. G., Glasgow.
 Harries, E. R., Flintshire County Library.
 Hartmann, Miss E., Johannesburg.
 Hewitt, Miss K. M., Eltham.
 Higenbottam, F., Leigh.
 Hinchcliffe, A. H., Chorley.
 Hobbs, E. J., Dewsbury.
 Horsfall, L. W., Manchester.
 Hoskins, J. E., Glamorgan County Library.
 Humphreys, Miss E. M., Chelmsford.
 Hunt, Miss G. M., Sheffield.
 Hutt, Miss M., Kent County Library.
 Irving, E. B., Wallasey.
 Jones, Miss G. E., Aberystwyth.
 Jones, Miss I. B., Liverpool.
 Joyce, A., Sheffield.
 Lambert, C. W., Canning Town.
 Lewis, Miss E. M., Birmingham.
 Lewis, Miss M. G., Aberystwyth.
 Long, L. E., Wiltshire County Library.
 Lynch, Miss A. B., Glasgow.
 McCall, H., Glasgow.
 McGill, Miss J. A., Glasgow.
 Marmoy, C. F., University College.
 Maskell, W. E., Maidstone.
 Mathews, Miss D. A., Islington.
 Matthewman, R., Leicester.
 Miller, Miss E., Huddersfield.
 Millman, Miss J., Westminster.
 Morgan, V. C., Battersea.
 Mowl, K. L., West Suffolk County Library.
 Nolan, J. J., Liverpool.
 Parish, C., Birmingham.
 Parrott, Miss F. P., Bath.
 Phillips, W. H., Cardiff.
 Plessis, Miss I., Johannesburg.
 Ramsay, Miss S. R., Glasgow.
 Renton, S. P., Leeds.
 Reynolds, J. D., Leeds.
 Riley, E. C., Leeds.
 Roberts, R. H., Putney.
 Robertson, Miss C., Glasgow.
 Robins, Miss E., Bournemouth.
 Rouse, R. W., Highgate.
 Rust, A. H., Ilkley.
 Sargeant, Miss D. J., Nottingham.
 Schlesinger, Miss H., Johannesburg.
 Smith, Miss I., Islington.
 Spurr, Miss M. M., Bolton.
 Sykes, H., Sheffield.
 Tait, Miss C., Glasgow.
 Taylor, H., Bolton.
 Till, Miss E. M., Ipswich.
 Trotter, Miss N., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Walker, Miss I., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Wells, G. R., Woking.
 White, L., Sheffield.
 Wilson, Miss I. A., Birmingham.
 Wright, P. O., Glasgow.
 Yates, F., Bolton.

SECTION V.—LIBRARY ORGANISATION.

130 Candidates sat.

Honours none, Merits 3, Passes 57.

Merits.

- Haugh, W. S., Liverpool.
 Norris, Miss D. M., Birmingham.
 Thompson, C. H., Birmingham.

Passes.

- Ashworth, Miss M., Birkenhead.
 Ashworth, T., Bolton.
 Austin, Miss M. F., Sheffield.
 Bone, Miss B. C., London University.
 Bones, Miss G. K., Leeds.
 Bragg, J., Stepney.
 Brown, Miss H., Arthington Gardens, Leeds.
 Brown, T., Edinburgh.

- Crisford, Miss A., Clapham.
 Dalgarno, Miss H. R., Albert Street, Aberdeen.
 Donkin, Miss W. C., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Drury, Miss D. G., Sheffield.
 Edwards, W., Aberystwyth.
 Ellis, Miss F. B., Ipswich.
 Fairweather, E., Nottingham.
 Forfar, Miss E. M., Liverpool.
 Foskett, C. G., Herne Hill.
 French, Miss I. W., Glasgow.
 French, Miss M. E., Barking.
 Gilliland, Miss A. M., Birkenhead.
 Gough, Miss E. M., Bolton.
 Green, Miss L., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Hampson, S., Sheffield.
 Hancock, Miss D., Sheffield.
 Hardman, Miss B., Rochdale.
 Harries, E. R., Flintshire County Library.
 Hemsley, Miss E. C., Lacey Gardens, Louth.
 Hiles, Miss M. L., Newport.
 Hobby, W. J., Chelsea.
 Horrocks, S., Manchester.
 Howarth, H. H., Bolton.
 Jackson, Miss I. F., Kent County Library.
 Lord, N. C., Bolton.
 Luke, E. R., Aberystwyth.
 Macdonald, J. H., Bradford.
 Mason, Miss M. E., Birkenhead.
 Mensforth, Miss M. E., Ilkley.
 Micklewright, G. R., Chesterfield.
 Milburn, Miss F. L., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Nevard, Miss B. F., Lambeth.
 Oakes, Miss M. A. Y., Leeds.
 Osborne, Miss N., Derbyshire County Library.
 Parry, Miss E. J., Romford.
 Phillips, W. H., Cardiff.
 Pottinger, M. C., Glasgow.
 Pratt, W. H., Shropshire County Library.
 Ronaldson, Miss K., Galway County Library.
 Rouse, R. W., Highgate.
 Roxburgh, Miss K. J., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Smith, F. W., Portsmouth.
 Snaith, S., Bethnal Green.
 Tait, A. J., Glasgow.
 Walker, N., Sheffield.
 Warren, D. F., Northampton County Library.
 Williams, Miss M. J., Monmouthshire County Library.
 Wood, A. G., Bolton.
 Woolcock, Miss H. E., Kent County Library.

SECTION VI.—LIBRARY ROUTINE.

175 Candidates sat.

Honours none, Merits none, Passes 98.

Passes.

- Adams, Miss E., Cardiff.
 Aldridge, B. N., Clapham.
 Allison, Miss M. S., Glasgow.
 Anderson, S. W., Croydon.
 Ash, Miss B. J., Hendon.
 Bale, F., Norwich.
 Berriman, S. G., Acton.
 Blackburn, Miss E., Blackburn.
 Blackman, A. J. R., Reading.
 Bowden, Miss E. W., Croydon.
 Branson, Miss A. N., Northampton.
 Brooks, H. E., Norwich.
 Buchanan, N. B., Sheffield.
 Burns, Miss N. M., Kirkcaldy.
 Carson, Miss H. C., Wellington, New Zealand.
 Cockburn, J. W., Edinburgh.
 Collett, W. J., Newport.
 Cook, Miss W. F., Brentford.
 Corbett, E. V., Birmingham.
 Craze, Miss P., Cardiff.
 Crisford, Miss A., Clapham.
 Dalgarno, Miss H. R., Albert Street, Aberdeen.
 Daniels, Miss E. M., Darlington.
 Davey, A. T., Greenwich.
 Dawes, Miss M., Bradford.
 Dickie, W. M., Leeds.
 Dolman, G. J., Birmingham.
 Doughty, Miss C. C., Hove.
 Elliott, H. W. C., Greenwich.
 Fernie, Miss L. A., Liverpool.
 Fraser, Miss E. M., Germiston.
 Gayton, Miss M., Coventry.

- Gent, Miss E. M., Liverpool.
 Gray, Miss E. M., Oxford.
 Green, Miss M. M., Halifax.
 Griffiths, Miss O. E., Birmingham.
 Haines, P. E., Southall.
 Hartland, Miss H. R., Birmingham.
 Hatch, Miss S. E., Cardiff.
 Hayward, Miss D., Hornsey.
 Hazell, Miss G. K., Cardiff.
 Heather, Miss L. J., Richmond.
 Hill, Miss J., Ipswich.
 Hobbs, E. J. H., Dewsbury.
 Hodge, Miss E., Salford.
 Holloway, H. G., Eastbourne.
 Holmes, Miss H., Sunderland.
 Hughes, Miss E. N., Stockport.
 Hughes, Miss K., Hove.
 Jackson, Miss I. F., Kent County Library.
 Jackson, Miss S., Southport.
 Kitchenier, S. W., Hornsey.
 Knight, Miss M., Wallasey.
 McCall, H., Glasgow.
 Mc Innes, Miss H. C., Dumbarton County Library.
 Mac Donald, Miss M. E., Sheffield.
 Madden, Miss C de la C., Stockport.
 Mann, Miss H. M., Coventry.
 Marsh, F., Bermondsey.
 Milburn, Miss F. L., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Moreton, W. H., Hornsey.
 Munday, Miss R. L., Northampton.
 Palmer, B. I., Acton.
 Parish, G. L., Sheffield.
 Patrick, Miss E. W., Glasgow.
 Peart, Miss O. M., Hounslow.
 Peters, Miss E. M., Cardiff.
 Pethurst, Miss E. G., Nunhead.
 Ponsford, Miss R. M., Liverpool.
 Purcell, Miss E. O., Cardiff.
 Robertshaw, Miss W. E., Luton.
 Roche, Miss M. E., Birmingham.
 Sheppard, Miss L. I., Birmingham.
 Smale, Miss E., Manchester.
 Smith, Miss M., Rochdale.
 Stewart, J. H., Edinburgh.
 Stewart, W., Glasgow.
 Stott, Miss E. M., Leeds.
 Talboys, Miss K. J. R., Bath.
 Taylor, A., Wirral.
 Taylor, C. W., Sheffield.
 Thomas, J. E., Cardiff.
 Thompson, Miss D., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Thompson, E., Leeds.
 Thompson, Miss M. R., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 Todd, Miss E. M., Salford.
 Twaits, H. C., Lambeth.
 Walker, Miss E. K., Manchester.
 Walker, Miss G. M., Birmingham.
 Waller, R. A., Taunton.
 Wheeler, Miss D. M., Birmingham.
 Whittington, Miss K. M., Sheffield.
 Wileman, Miss F. M., Hendon.
 Wood, Miss E. M., Newport.
 Woodward, G. R., Birmingham.
 Woolcock, Miss H. E., Kent County Library.
 Wright, Miss C. L., Leicester.
 Wright, Miss M., Sunderland.
 Yates, F., Bolton.

VALUATIONS

Comments on Reports, Bulletins, Magazines, etc.

By STANLEY SNAITH

Give me the young. There are times when even the most apathetic of us grow weary of Tradition, of Established Precedent, of Things-as-they-are; false gods all. We have genuflected too long. Old principles are no longer tenable, the old methodology will no longer serve. Times have changed. Ideas that were once progressive have become static. It is the ineluctable law. James Duff Brown, we salute your genius; but—Hail and Farewell! We have nibbled the nutriment from your *Manual*. There are other pastures. We need to think for ourselves. We need to find our own salvation. And the more I study the ephemera of our profession, the more acutely I realise that that salvation is still a long

way ahead. Our bulletins, our reports, every printed sheet issued under our imprimatur, ought to reflect the essential vitality, the craftsmanly pleasure, the versatility of our profession. But the majority of them are thickly coated with the dust shaken, in slumber perhaps, from the locks of the Old Men. They have no life. They have no charm. Instead, a damnable dignity. There must be young men who have ideas, "the very coinage of the brain," ideas and breadth of vision. Would that they would assert themselves! One goes on hoping. But "hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Give me the young.

Norwich. Readers' Guide, July-September.

There are three features in this issue: a selection of books on India; a list of festival music drawn up in connection with a local festival; and the usual list of recent additions. The typography is so muddled and consumptive that I cannot imagine any "average reader" reading a page and emerging with eyesight unimpaired. I recommend those responsible to study H.M.S.O.'s report on *The Legibility of print*. I warn the Norwich Public Libraries Committee that if my sight gives up the ghost I shall take legal action. The selection of books on India is very good, though it would be strengthened by the inclusion of Thompson's *The Other side of the medal* and Dellbridge's brilliant little *Revolution in India*. (And, among the novels, *A Passage to India* is missing!) The descriptive notes have no kick, they seem machine-made. And, by the way, why does not someone invent a machine to manufacture notes of this kind? It would achieve incomparably well that insipidity, that drab sameness, which is the fetish of librarians. I believe in a dash of evaluation. We have for many years abjured the privilege, possessed by the politician, the pastor and the publican, of expressing opinions about books. Why? No explanation of this abjurement has ever satisfied me . . . The list of festival music is more satisfying. As a music-lover, I find it full of sap: though such a sentence as "A brilliant pianist, most of his compositions were for that instrument" somewhat breaks the spell. I observe that Norwich possesses *The Face of the land*, issued by the Design and Industries Association (catalogued, incidentally, with a quite Midas-like parsimony). A superb little book. I cannot resist the temptation to urge it upon all those librarians (and their name is legion) who are devotees of The Cult of the Ugly.

Library Journal. March.

Contains an illustrated article on the new Toronto Branch Library, by Mr. C. R. Sanderson. I urgently recommend this to all who are interested in library architecture, particularly in the adaptation of an exigent site. The result in this case, to judge from the illustrations, combines, as all architecture should, comeliness with efficiency.

Stepney. Bulletin, June.

An agreeable bulletin, infinitely more attractive (if I may be permitted the comparison) than the Norwich Guide. The cataloguing manifests a commendable ambition to pierce the saurian hides and get good books "across." Mind in it too: as witness the book-selection. But in a list occupying twenty pages, author and the title entries are, I submit, not quite enough. There is an interesting page devoted to American novels and continental novels in translation. Like most select lists, it

invokes some critical dissent. There is nothing of Dreiser's. Nothing of Wilder's. Nothing by Willa Cather or Sherwood Anderson. Yet Churchill, Deland, Irving and Wister (Wister!) are deemed worthy of a place. I deduce a certain lack of critical discrimination. More astonishingly, the French titles do not include—guess whom? Of all men, Proust! The minnows are there, but not the Triton. You must be more tactful, Stepany. Proustians are notoriously touchy.

Hendon. *The Magic Casement: Quarterly Magazine of the Juvenile Library.* June.

Very excellent, Hendon. This, if I am not mistaken, is just the kind of thing for the young. Perpend:

Carroll, Lewis. *Alice in Wonderland.*

"Curiouser and curiouser," said Alice, and certainly very strange things happened down the White Rabbit's hole. If you haven't met the Mad Hatter or the March Hare or the Cheshire Cat's grin, you should lose no time in making their acquaintance.

This modest stripling among library magazines possesses a charm, a freedom from condescension and pedantry, that is peculiarly refreshing.

Hornsey. *Annual Report, 1929-30.*

The compilers of this report deserve credit for resisting the temptation to wallow in a morass of tables and statistics. It is one thing to present figures; it is quite another thing to make them instantaneously significant. The most that figures can do is to indicate that a library is in a condition of healthy development, and that its resources are being increasingly utilised. But now-a-days such things have become so habitual that one takes them more or less for granted. Statistics are most eloquent if sparingly employed; and in all cases it is wisest, I submit, to avoid coagulating the text with them. Moreover, there is no earthly reason why the text should be gaunt and frigid, as is usually the case. "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" Anybody remember the annual reports of a couple of decades ago? Thick and cold and—suety. And so painstaking, my dears! But I have noticed signs of improvement of late. Hornsey's report provides a good deal of useful information, intelligently assembled and expressed. There is here nothing otiose, and little that is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of conventionality. That the Committee is not oblivious of its deficiencies is attested by their very commendable statement that "its appearance could be greatly improved if more money were available." The paragraphs devoted to publicity, school libraries, and aids to readers, indicate that Hornsey takes a pleasure in giving its readers a maximum of sound service. It is, by the way, worthy of note that *All Quiet* has been bespoken no less than 213 times. It would be interesting to obtain the figures of other libraries apropos this book, which, J. C. Squire's snootiness notwithstanding, communicates an actuality, a pathos and a large-mindedness which entitle it to be regarded as the one valid expression of the inwardness of war.

National Central Library. *Annual Report, 1929-30.*

Lack of space (and a desire not to strain the Hon. Editor's indulgence too far!) prohibits the detailed analysis which this interesting report deserves. "Grant from the Treasury" (it has been decided to

make an annual grant of £3,000); "Reconstitution of the library"; "Increased subscriptions"; Extension of premises"—these paragraphs, among others, are eloquent of progress. The annual circulation has now reached a total of 61,853 volumes; and as none of these volumes is borrowed in a casual spirit, the figure is a true index of the enormous value of the library to students. To those of us who look upon the National Central Library as an incalculable blessing (and which of us does not?) this report will prove at once stimulating and gratifying reading.

Sheffield. 1,001 best books for boys and girls.

An ambitious catalogue, arranged under authors and subjects, and —what is remarkable in a public library catalogue—illustrated. A good selection of books. I suggest the addition of *Shambattle: how to play with toy soldiers*, by Dowdall and Gleason (Knopf, 6/-)—a pleasing and quite unique children's book; Binyon's *Sophro the wise*; some of De la Mare's poetry, particularly the delectable *A Child's day*; and the nature stories, incomparable of their kind, of F. St. Mars. I confess myself charmed with the little rhymes under the subject headings. It was an inspiration to use Ledwidge's stanza about the birds; and the employment of Drayton's quatrain on Robin Hood shows admirable resource.

During the last month bulletins, reports and periodicals have poured upon me in what has threatened to be an unceasing avalanche. To the following bodies acknowledgments are due:—A.A.L., Midland Division; A.L.A.; Barking; Bermondsey; Bootle; Boston; British Library of Political and Economic Science; Brooklyn; Burnley; Chesterfield; Columbia Univ.; Coventry; *The Countryman*; Darlington; East Riding; Eccles; F. W. Faxon Co.; Finsbury; Fulham; Grand Rapids; Indianapolis; Kingston-upon-Thames; Leeds; *Libraries*; L. A. London and Home Counties Branch; *Library Journal*; Liverpool; Massachusetts; Newcastle; Norwich; Ocean Library Service; Ontario; Perth; Richmond; St. Louis; Sheffield; Stretford; Toronto; Wallasey; and *Wilson Bulletin*.

OUR LIBRARY

The Law Relating to Public Libraries in England and Wales. By Arthur R. Hewitt, with a foreword by His Honour Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, K.C. Eyre & Spottiswoode. 10s. 6d. net. (Buckram; pp. xxiii, 142; 8½ × 5½.)

Mr. Arthur Hewitt, who is a member of the A.A.L. Section, and who recently read a paper at a London meeting at the Middle Temple, has undoubtedly compiled a handbook for which there was a real need. The old Chambers, which in its familiar but faded red, is to be found on every librarian's desk, is sadly out of date and in many ways very unsatisfactory for students of modern librarianship. Mr. Hewitt's book does not render Chambers obsolete, but in future the older book will become dustier and even more faded. Pushed into the background by the new publication, it will, as the venerable baker said of modern bread, soon altogether "lack the aroma of the yuman 'and."

Mr. Hewitt's volume is a reprint of the text of all the Acts and subsidiary legislation concerning libraries in England and Wales. As it is furnished with a very good index, it therefore forms an invaluable work of reference on the exact state of the law to date. It should prove also of great use to legal draughtsmen when the time comes for the unwieldy legislation governing libraries to be consolidated and improved. In this way it does a great deal towards remedying the state of affairs indicated in the Departmental Report. The author states that it was indeed the reading of the Report which led him to undertake this work: here then is yet another indirect result of that epoch-making enquiry.

By using italics, the author has helpfully indicated the parts of the Acts which have undergone repeal, and has furnished ample reference to the current ruling. The volume is very extensively annotated, and in some cases the ruling of the Ministry of Health has been obtained by direct enquiry, so that terms of doubtful meaning are here defined with authority. This feature will prove to be of great practical value to all users of the book. Another useful section is devoted to a reprint of the Draft Code of Rules and Regulations as adopted by the London and Home Counties Branch of the L.A., and the provisional draft of the Bye-Laws submitted by the L.A. to the Board of Education.

It will be seen that Mr. Hewitt's book is the most comprehensive publication of its kind yet prepared. There can be nothing but praise for the care and industry which have gone to the making of the book, and there can be no hesitation in strongly recommending it to students and librarians.

F. S. S.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

A.S.L.I.B.—A most important new service is announced in the formation of a panel of Expert Translators. The members of this panel will combine proficiency in foreign languages with an expert knowledge of the technology of various phases of science and commerce. The services of the panel will, it is hoped, meet a pressing need among those who have found it difficult, if not impossible, to find translators who are capable of undertaking difficult technical work.

Also ran: Library Association.

EAST SUFFOLK.—The Annual Report of the East Suffolk County Librarian admits, with refreshing candour, that the percentage of non-fiction issued last year amounted to 12.4.

GLASGOW.—The Glasgow Public Libraries Committee have "banned" Aldous Huxley's *Brief Candles*. The marked tendency of Scottish committees to do this sort of thing lends colour to the suggestion that the real reason why so many Scots come to London is their desire to borrow the books that their home town has indicated as worth their attention.

HEREFORD.—The Hereford City Librarian, while spring-cleaning, has discovered a Navy List for 1672, among a collection of pamphlets. Although this is at the moment an unbeaten record, it is confidently expected that it will not go unchallenged. There is a rumour that one librarian, looking to his laurels, has informed the Library Association that the Crockford available for public use at his library dates from 1650.

HULL.—Councillor Carrick, of Hull, thinks that it is scandalous to send two delegates to the L.A. Conference, at a cost of £33. Silly man. Perhaps one day he will be Chairman of the Libraries Committee and it would be a pity to spoil his own chances of a free holiday.

LIVERPOOL.—A new and most valuable facility has recently been offered to borrowers at Liverpool. A room has been equipped to house the city library's collection of music and, through the genius of the librarian, a piano has been installed. It is, of course, the one thing needful to enhance the value of a music section and more than one librarian will probably kick himself for not being first in the field.

PLYMOUTH.—The *Publishers' Circular* is getting all hot and bothered again. It has discovered that the Plymouth Co-operative Society has presumed to buy books from the Co-operative Wholesale Society instead of from local booksellers, and is outraged by the statement that the money thus saved paid for the cost of a journey made by the Society's librarian in selecting the books. Surely the P.C. is hyper-sensitive. Of course, with these nasty book agreements about, one cannot be too careful, but why, when the *Grocer* allows the Society to buy soap from its own wholesaler, should the *Publishers' Circular* scream because books are bought in the same way?

SHEFFIELD.—Sheffield Public Libraries Committee has decided to obliterate racing news from the newspapers displayed in the reading rooms. In pursuance of this policy, I understand that in the near future the illustrations are to be removed from *Punch* and that Mr. Wodehouse's stories in the *Strand* are to be removed and replaced by the current issue of *The White Ribbon*.

SUTTON.—Signs of life are reported from Sutton. The district has the unenviable distinction of being the largest urban district in the country which has, as yet, no library

service. The local Co-operative Society has been instrumental in forming an unofficial Public Library Committee which lacks nothing but a library and there is a prospect of something being done. The Sutton U.D.C. would be grateful to any friend who can suggest an alternative slogan to "the moment is not opportune," as it is felt that this phrase is in danger of being overworked.

TIVERTON.—The enlightened Council of Tiverton have decided not to raise a penny rate to put their war memorial library on a permanent basis. Only 22 per cent. of the population at present use the library, and it is felt that to encourage more borrowers would be unfair to the proprietors of the local circulating libraries.

WOOD GREEN.—A woman was recently convicted of stealing four books from the Wood Green Public Library and was bound over for twelve months.

WORCESTER.—Mr. T. Duckworth, Chief Librarian of the Worcester Public Libraries, who is shortly retiring, has been invited by his Committee to write a retrospective account of his life as a librarian. If his experiences have been like those of most of our veterans, Shakespeare has provided an opening paragraph which cannot be bettered: "I could a tale unfold, whose lightest word would harrow up thy soul, etc."

OBSERVER.

THE DIVISIONS

NORTH EAST DIVISION.

The Summer meeting of the Division was held at Sunderland on Wednesday, July 16th.

The members assembled in the Art Gallery, where they were welcomed by the Director of the Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum, Mr. J. A. Charlton Deas, M.A. After the reception, the Art Gallery was inspected and a visit to St. Peter's Church, Monkwearmouth, followed.

The members then made their way to Roker, where the Staff of the Sunderland Public Libraries had kindly provided tea. An interval was then spent in a walk along the sea front.

In the evening the business session was presided over by the Chairman, Mr. I. Briggs. Congratulations were offered to Miss Holman, Middlesbrough, and Mr. E. S. Williams, Durham County Library, who had been appointed to positions at Norwich, and the Somerset County Library, respectively.

The Chairman then dwelt on current topics, and gave his impressions of the 35th Annual Meeting recently held at Norwich. He also referred to the Presidential Address of Mr. Chubb, as printed in the July "Assistant," and suggested that it was well worth reading more than once.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to the literary efforts of four junior members of the Sunderland Staff, who had written strictly anonymous papers. These were read by the Chairman, and were as follows: (1) On writing a paper; (2) Library trips; (3) Impressions—before and after; (4) Adventure (not to be taken seriously).

Mr. W. H. Gibson spoke of the high standard of the papers, which he thought were very well written. He was only sorry that the authors were too modest to reveal themselves.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the Sunderland Staff, to which Mr. J. Crawley, Deputy Librarian, replied on their behalf.

The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough, on Wednesday, October 1st, 1930.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION

The Annual Meeting was held at Lewes on Wednesday, July 2nd. The party, numbering about thirty, included members from Brighton, Chichester, Eastbourne, Hove, Lewes, and Worthing.

The members were met at Lewes Station by Mr. H. Wilson, F.L.A., M.C., County Librarian of East Sussex, who had arranged a most delightful programme. By kind permission of the Manager, the party were shown over the Baxter Printing Works; after this visit tea was served at Holloway's Tea Rooms, where the visitors were the guests of Mr. Wilson.

After tea the party adjourned to the County Library for the Annual Business Meeting. The chair was taken by the President of the Division, Mr. A. Webb, F.L.A., who moved the adoption of the Annual Report.

The appointment of officers and committee for the ensuing year was then announced: President, Mr. A. Webb, F.L.A., Brighton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Male, F.L.A., Brighton; Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Dean, Worthing; Hon. Auditor, Miss E. Young, A.L.A., Brighton; Committee, Brighton—Miss M. Watson; Chichester—Mr. N. Pierce; Eastbourne—Mr. A. Hamblin; Hastings—Miss E. M. Clarke; Hove—Miss E. M. Talmey; Lewes—Mr. C. P. Willard; Worthing—Miss E. Gerard, A.L.A.

After a short Presidential address by Mr. Webb, Mr. Wilson gave a delightfully informal talk descriptive of the work of the County Library.

At the conclusion of a most enjoyable meeting, Mr. Wilson, the Lewes Staff, and the Baxter Printing Works, were the recipients of very hearty votes of thanks.

Report presented at the Third Annual Meeting of the South-Eastern Division held at Lewes on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1930.

The Committee has pleasure in submitting the Third Annual Report on the work of the Division.

Membership.—The total membership is 50, and consists of 1 Fellow, 40 Members and 9 Associate Members. This shows an increase of 14 on last year's figures. During the year 17 new members have been enrolled, and three members have resigned.

Meetings.—The following meetings have been held.

July 10th, 1929—Hastings, Annual Meeting.

January 29th, 1930.—Hove Public Library. Chairman: Mr. J. W. Lister, Chief Librarian, Hove. *Papers*: "Brighton and Hove in Fiction," by Mr. E. Male, F.L.A., Sub-Librarian, Brighton; "Brighton and Hove in Literature, excluding Fiction," by Miss E. Talmev, 1st Assistant, Hove.

May 7th, 1930.—Worthing Public Library.—Chairman: Miss Marian Frost, F.L.A., Chief Librarian, Worthing; *Papers*: "Literary Associations of Worthing," by Miss P. Wall, Worthing; "Some West Sussex men of letters," by Miss E. Gerard, A.L.A., Sub-Librarian, Worthing.

It was decided at the beginning of the Session that the papers to be read during the year should interlink, and deal especially with the literature of Sussex. This decision has been adhered to and the literature dealing with West Sussex and the Brighton areas has been fully covered by members working in those districts. The papers reached an unusually high standard of excellence and aroused a considerable amount of interest; it is hoped the series will be completed during the coming session by other contributions on East Sussex Literature.

No Autumn Meeting was held, members attending instead, the Inaugural Meeting of the Association held in London in October; this arrangement affording them the opportunity of meeting colleagues from other parts of the country. Attendances at all these meetings have been good, and in connection with them there have been various social features, including a visit to Rye and Winchelsea, drives, teas, etc., which have added greatly to their enjoyment.

Officers.—At the last Annual Meeting, Mr. A. Webb, F.L.A., Brighton, was elected to the Office of President, Mr. A. M. Hamblyn, Eastbourne, resigned the office of Hon. Treasurer and was succeeded by Mr. E. Male, Brighton. Miss G. Dean, Worthing, and Miss E. Young, A.L.A., Brighton, were re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Auditor respectively. The Committee was elected as follows: Miss E. Clarke (Hastings), Miss E. Gerard (Worthing), Miss E. Smith (Eastbourne), Miss E. M. Talmev (Hove), Mr. H. Wilson (Lewes).

Finances.—The finances of the Division are in a satisfactory condition, as shown by the appended statement of receipts and expenditure. The Hon. Treasurer reports a balance in hand of £5 12s. 0½d.

Miss Gerard has been re-elected as Divisional Representative, and Mr. Webb as a non-London representative to serve on the General Council of the Association of Assistant Librarians. Mr. A. Webb represents the A.A.L. on Membership Committee of the L.A. The Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Dean, attended the Annual Meeting at Norwich as the official delegate of the Division. The Committee desires on behalf of the Division to express gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of the meetings, especially to the authorities of the Town where

meetings have been held, and to Mr. Rukin Butterfield and Miss Marian Frost for kind hospitality. Thanks are also due to the Staffs of the Libraries visited.

The year under review has been a most satisfactory one. In conclusion, the Committee appeals to all assistants to continue to do their utmost, by contributing papers, by taking part in the discussions, or otherwise taking an active share in the affairs of the Association.

(Signed) ARTHUR WEBB, President.

GRACE L. DEAN, Hon. Secretary.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1929-30.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand, 30.6.29...	7	15 3	Subscriptions (quotas)		
Subscriptions for 1929-30	11	0 6	sent to headquarters	7	2 6
			Sec.'s Petty Cash and		
			Postage	3	2 7½
			Treasurer's Postage and		
			Petty Cash	0	7 3
			Wedding Present for		
			Member of Committee	0	16 0
			Expenses re Special		
			Committee Meeting	0	5 10
			Secretary's Expenses to		
			Norwich (Annual Meet-		
			ing A.A.L.)	1	9 6
			Balance in hand ...	5	12 0½
	£18	15 9		£18	15 9

Audited and found correct,

EDITH YOUNG, Hon. Auditor.

25th June, 1930.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

BELFAST.—Mr. A. H. E. Moore, A.L.A., Chief Assistant, Reference Library, Belfast, to be Deputy Chief Librarian, Belfast Public Libraries.

BRENTFORD AND CHISWICK.—Miss Mizpah Gilbert, to be Chief Librarian and Curator of the Brentford and Chiswick Public Libraries and Museums on retirement of Mr. Fred Turner, F.L.A. Salary £425—£25-£500.

NORWICH.—Miss L. R. Holman, Middlesbrough Public Libraries, to be Assistant, Norwich Public Libraries. Four L.A. Certificates.

ST. PANCRAS.—G. H. Bell, Junior Assistant, Wood Green Public Library, to be Junior Assistant, St. Pancras. Salary £80.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Extra-Mural Department.

SESSION 1930-31.

LECTURES IN LIBRARIANSHIP.

Courses of ten lectures will be given fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons, in the following six subjects, divided into two sections, commencing:

November 26th, 1930—CATALOGUING.
LIBRARY ORGANISATION.
BIBLIOGRAPHY.

December 3rd, 1930—LITERARY HISTORY.
LIBRARY ROUTINE.
BOOK CLASSIFICATION.

Fee for a single course £1 1s., with a further fee of 10s. 6d. for each additional course.

*Applications for registration should be made to the
Director of Extra-Mural Studies, The University, Manchester.*

SHOREDITCH.—Mr. W. H. C. Moreton, Junior Assistant, Hornsey Public Libraries, to be Assistant, Shoreditch Public Libraries. One L.A. Certificate. Salary £153—£110—£300.

BETHNAL GREEN.—Miss D. I. Ovell, Children's Librarian, promoted to Grade "B" of the Council's grading scheme. Salary with bonus £232 17s. 1d., rising to a maximum of £361 2s. 6d.

NEW MEMBERS.

MIDLAND DIVISION.—Mrs. F. R. Hocking (I.C.I. Metals), E. F. Williams (Staffordshire County), transferred from N.E. Division; Miss D. E. Proctor (Birmingham).

NEW MEMBERS ATTACHED FROM THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—R. Rowsell (Lancs.); Frances Yorke (Dagenham); Miss A. Gillespie (Westminster); Miss G. M. Powell (Croydon); Henry B. Adcock; Freda M. Cornock; Beatrice Eyre; Edith I. Gittens; A. Nancy Leach; Lilian Panter; Miss E. G. Pipes; Kathleen E. Rope; Phyllis M. Sharp; Lucy E. Thornton; Elizabeth Webster (all of Derby); W. A. Andrews, B.A. (Guy's Hospital); B. N. P. Fabian, W. H. Pratt (Shropshire County); J. H. T. W. Gilbert, Miss W. I. Newberry (Birmingham); Miss J. M. Overton (Coventry).

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The Editor, LIBRARY ASSISTANT.

Sir,—Mr. Berwick Sayers has reproved me, but has he answered me? I fully realise that there are other library authorities whose attitude to the salary question is far worse than that of the Croydon authority. This does not alter the fact that, reading the Croydon advertisement in the accepted sense of the terms used, the salary offered was quite inadequate. That there are worse salaries offered elsewhere seems only to make it more desirable that Croydon should pay well, for it is to Croydon that many authorities look for a lead, and not to the A.A.L.

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